

Please amend the claims as shown below.

Listing Of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of selecting contact information, comprising:

~~analyzing~~ comparing an electronic source document available on a network of computers to ~~determine~~ a database of entities to identify a referenced entity ~~identified in~~ within the source document;

providing a data base of contact ~~entities~~ information, the data base of contact information having contact information corresponding to a plurality of contact entities;

determining whether the referenced entity is among the contact entities;

if the referenced entity is among the contact entities, then selecting the contact information corresponding to the referenced entity;

providing criteria that a message must satisfy in order to be acceptable to the referenced entity; ~~and~~

prompting a sender to provide a message to the referenced entity; and

using the contact information to send the message to the referenced entity.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving the message from the sender.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising analyzing the message to determine whether the message satisfies the criteria.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein analyzing the message to determine whether the message satisfies criteria specified by the referenced entity includes determining whether the message has obscenities therein.

6. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising providing the message to the referenced entity.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, prompting the sender to provide a preferred method of delivering the message.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the preferred method may be provided by selecting from a group consisting of e-

mail and postal address.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising prompting the sender to provide information required by the referenced entity.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing to the sender conditions that the sender must satisfy prior to sending the message.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

prompting the sender to provide information; and  
using the information provided by the sender to categorize the message.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the contact information includes a postal address.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the contact information includes an Internet address.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the contact

information includes a phone number.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining a key word in the source document that is associated with the referenced entity; and

prioritizing selected contact information corresponding to the referenced entity by giving a high priority to contact information associated with the key word.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of selecting contact information, comprising:

receiving an identifier corresponding to a source document available on a network of computers;

providing a data base having a plurality of identifiers, each of the plurality of identifiers having associated therewith contact information corresponding to entities referenced in the source document;

determining whether the identifier corresponding to the source document is among the plurality of identifiers in the data base;

if the identifier is among the plurality of identifiers in the data base, then selecting the contact information corresponding to the entities;

providing criteria that a message must satisfy in order to be acceptable to ~~the~~ at least one of the entities; and

prompting the sender to provide a message to one of the entities identified in the source document; and

using the contact information to send the message to the at least one of the entities.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising receiving the message from the sender.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising analyzing the message to determine whether the message satisfies the criteria.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein analyzing the message to determine whether the message satisfies criteria specified by the referenced entity includes determining whether the message has obscenities therein.

21. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising providing the message to the referenced entity.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, prompting the sender to provide a preferred method of delivering the message.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the preferred method may be provided by selecting from a group consisting of e-mail and postal address.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising prompting the sender to provide information required by the referenced entity.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising providing to the sender conditions that the sender must satisfy prior to sending the message.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

prompting the sender to provide information; and  
using the information provided by the sender to categorize the message.

27. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the contact information includes a postal address.

28. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the contact information includes an Internet address.

29. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the contact information includes a phone number.

30. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising, a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing a computer to select contact information, the computer readable program code means in said article of manufacture comprising:

computer readable program code means for instructing the computer to ~~analyze~~ compare an electronic source document available on a network of computers to ~~determine a database of entities to identify~~ a referenced entity ~~identified in within~~ the source document;

computer readable program code means for instructing the computer to provide a data base of contact ~~entities~~ information, the data base on contact information having contact information corresponding to a plurality of contact entities;

computer readable program code means for instructing the computer to determine whether the referenced entity is among the contact entities;

computer readable program code means for instructing the computer to select the contact information corresponding to the referenced entity if the referenced entity is among the contact entities;

computer readable program code means for instructing the computer to provide criteria that a message must satisfy in order to be acceptable to the contact entities; ~~and~~

computer readable program code means for prompting the sender to provide a message to the referenced entity; and

computer readable program code means for instructing the computer to use the contact information to send the message to the referenced entity.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 30, further comprising computer readable program code means for receiving the message from the sender.

33. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim

32, further comprising computer readable program code means for analyzing the message to determine whether the message satisfies the criteria.

34. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 32, further comprising computer readable program code means for providing the message to the referenced entity.

35. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 30, computer readable program code means for prompting the sender to provide a preferred method of delivering the message.

36. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35, further comprising computer readable program code means for allowing the sender to select from a group of preferred methods of delivering the message, consisting of e-mail and postal address.

37. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 30, further comprising computer readable program code means for prompting the sender to provide information required by the referenced entity.

38. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim

30, further comprising computer readable program code means for providing to the sender conditions that the sender must satisfy prior to sending the message.

39. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 30, further comprising:

computer readable program code means for prompting the sender to provide information; and

computer readable program code means for using the information provided by the sender to categorize the message.

40. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 30, further comprising:

computer readable program code means for determining a key word in the source document that is associated with the referenced entity; and

computer readable program code means for prioritizing selected contact information corresponding to the referenced entity by giving a high priority to contact information associated with the key word.

41. (Currently Amended) A contact information system, comprising:

a signal processor capable of ~~analyzing~~ comparing an electronic source document available on a network of computers to ~~determine a database of entities to identify~~ a referenced entity ~~identified in~~ within the source document;

a data base of contact ~~entities~~ information, the data base of contact information having contact information corresponding to a plurality of contact entities;

a comparator in communication with the signal processor and the data base, the comparator being capable of receiving from the signal processor information about the referenced entity identified in the source document, and being capable of determining whether the referenced entity is among the plurality of contact entities;

a signal provider in communication with the comparator and the data base, the signal provider being capable of providing contact information from the data base if the referenced entity is among the plurality of contact entities, and being able to provide criteria that a message must satisfy in order to be acceptable to the referenced entity; ~~and~~

a message provider in communication with the signal provider, the message provider being capable of prompting the sender to provide a message to the referenced entity, and send

the message to the referenced entity using the contact information.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 41, further comprising a message analyzer in communication with the message provider, the message analyzer being capable of analyzing the message to determine whether the message satisfies criteria specified by the referenced entity.

44. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of providing a sender with contact information, comprising:

~~analyzing~~ comparing an electronic source document available on a network of computers to ~~determine a database of entities to identify~~ a plurality of referenced entities ~~identified in~~ within the source document;

providing a data base of contact ~~entities~~ information, the data base contact information having contact information corresponding to a plurality of contact entities;

determining whether the referenced entities are among the contact entities;

providing a list of referenced entities that are among the

contact entities;

selecting from the list of referenced entities one of the referenced entities;

selecting the contact information corresponding to the selected referenced entity;

providing to the sender the selected contact information;

providing criteria that a message must satisfy in order to be acceptable to the referenced entity; ~~and~~

providing a list of contact information items corresponding to the selected referenced entity;

selecting from the list of contact information items one of the contact information items; and  
providing the selected contact information item to the sender.

45. (Original) A method of claim 44, further comprising:

providing counters, each counter being capable of providing a cumulative total, and each counter being associated with one of the referenced entities;

incrementing one of the counters when the associated referenced entity is selected;

prioritizing the list of referenced entities by the cumulative totals provided by the counters.

46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 45, further comprising:

providing counters, each counter being capable of providing a cumulative total, and each counter being associated with one of the selected contact information items;

incrementing one of the counters when the associated contact information item is selected;

prioritizing the list of contact information items by the cumulative totals provided by the counters.